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FIELD CONFIRMATION OF TANK SYSTEM INFORMATION

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It has come to the attention of the Maryland Department of the Environment's Oil Control Program (OCP) that many certified Inspectors are not properly verifying the tank system information in the field while performing the inspection, but are still completing **Section 2: Tank System Information** of the Department's Underground Storage Tank (UST) System Compliance Inspection Report. All Inspectors are required to field verify the tank system information found on the UST facility summary. Any differences should be noted in **Section 2: Tank System Information** of the inspection report. OCP uses the tank system information provided by the Inspection to update our UST registration database of any changes.

The biggest issue we see in the tank system information involves correctly field confirming changes in double-walled or single-walled tanks and lines. Inspectors are marking that the line or tank should be changed to double-walled or single-walled, but when field verified by OCP inspectors, approximately half of those changes were incorrect. OCP requires all Inspectors to provide documentation (**photograph, receipt from owner, testing information, etc.**) confirming **any** changes in the tank system information found during the field inspection to be attached with the inspection report. It is very important that all tank system information is field confirmed and recorded accurately on **Section 2: Tank System Information** of the inspection report.

If a tank is listed as double-walled, there must be an access port to the interstitial space for monitoring or gauging. A double-walled pipe must have access to the interstitial space for testing, monitoring and to allow product flow to a containment sump, therefore must be visible within the sump at the tank top and under the dispenser. A single-walled pipe within a plastic chase or access pipe is not considered to meet the requirements for double-walled piping within COMAR.

Maryland certified UST Inspectors are required to provide complete and accurate UST information on the inspection report. Inspectors are also required to sign the inspection report certifying the information provided is true and accurate. The owners and operators, your clients, are ultimately accountable for this information.

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Thank you in advance for your cooperation and providing accurate UST information during all UST inspections. If you have any questions, please contact the Oil Control Program at 410-537-3442.

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